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The New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots, 21-17, in Super Bowl XLVI to take home their second championship in four years. Eli Manning led New York on an 88-yard drive, including a spectacular catch by Mario Manningham, to put his team ahead and earn the MVP. {page 22}

Old City dog poop plan may have citywide legs

New disposal stations drawing attention from neighborhoods 275 waste-filled bags collected by residents in first three months of pilot program {page 02}

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Obama: What he is — and what he isn't

Let's address one critical truth: The president is not a socialist But GOP won't let that get in the way {page 08}

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Dogged approach to poop

Two Old City residents convince city to back program Stations for owners to drop droppings off Pilot could spark citywide interest

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▶ Tony Lucente, walking his dog Murray, organized the "Scoop the Poop" program with Janet Kalter.

What started out as a poster campaign to encourage dog owners in Old City to pick up behind their pets has turned into a growing pilot program that could spread throughout the city.

Janet Kalter and Tony Lucente created the Scoop the Poop campaign last summer after hearing complaints about poop either not being picked up or being picked up but not properly disposed of due to the lack of public trash bins. They came up with a poster, which featured an adorable bulldog wearing a combat helmet and slogans like "Leave No Pile Behind," and things took off from there.

"We made the posters and started handing them out," said Kalter, a longtime Old City resident and former business owner. "The people were asking us for these posters, and in the process of taking the posters around, I went to our local vet hospital and they said 'Why don't you do dog stations?'"

Kalter's partner, Joe Schiavo, came up with the design for the lightweight 14-inch trash can, and by November they had 10 dog stations complete with a bag dispenser, poster and the can. They have dispensed 2,000 empty bags and collected about 275 waste-filled ones during the past three months, which the Old City District agreed to include in their daily trash pickup.

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JANET KALTER, LONGTIME OLD CITY RESIDENT

Not long after they posted the stations, a story on PlanPhilly.com caught the attention of city officials, who had concerns about the cans being attached to city property. The pair met with officials in the Streets Department and the Office of Transportation and Utilities, who signed off last week on a one-year pilot, according to Kalter.

"They want to see what happens in other seasons of the year," she said. So far the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, Kalter said, and they have received requests for posters from about eight different neighborhoods.

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Help taking out garbage

Kalter said one trash can got filled the first day they installed it, so the next question became how they would dispose of the bags, which people were not only using to discard feces, but also trash.

After talking with Old City District, the special services group agreed to pick up the bags at their drop-off stations.

"They've been wonderful," Kalter said of OCD. "They've been so cooperative, and I know some of it is because we're helping them too."

Lucente and Kalter empty the cans for now, but she said other residents have agreed to help in exchange for additional stations.

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In the news

Chocolatey brew in Chestnut Hill

What would Oompa Loompas drink after a long day at Willy Wonka's chocolate factory? Iron Hill Brewmaster Paul Rutherford thinks he knows: a chocolate stout aged for two weeks on Madagascar vanilla beans and cocoa nibs. Employees will dress the part, with orange skin and green hair, during this Friday's beer release party. METRO

In the news

Score for NBC

NBC Sports, owned by Philadelphia-based Comcast, sold a record-breaking $250 million in advertising for its airing of Super Bowl XLVI last night, according to a report in the Inquirer yesterday. Advertisers reportedly paid $3.5 million for every 30 seconds of television time during the game that kicked off at 6:30 p.m. METRO

Seven hurt in North Philadelphia house fire

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Seven people were injured when a fire broke out at a single-family home on the 1600 block of North 20th Street early yesterday morning.

Firefighters arrived shortly before 6 a.m. and battled the blaze for 45 minutes. A woman and child were both rescued and taken to Hahnemann University Hospital, where they were treated for smoke inhalation, along with two others who escaped on their own.

Three firefighters were also injured, one of them with burns. All are in stable condition.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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▶ A man was shot to death near Penn.

Man shot to death in home near university

UNIVERSITY CITY. A woman discovered her brother's body in a home yesterday evening near the University of Pennsylvania's campus.

She found the victim, 21, inside the living room of a private residence on the 3900 block of Market Street shortly before 4 p.m. when she stopped by to check on him. He suffered two gunshot wounds to the head and was pronounced dead on the scene.

Though he was near Penn's campus, he was not a student, detectives said.

Police have not yet made any arrests and did not recover a weapon on the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

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Rower with Philly ties seeks record for Atlantic trip

Toby Wallace, a city financial firm worker, is taking part in quest for record-breaking 30-day ocean crossing

▶ Wallace, fourth from the left, will return to work in Philadelphia after his oceanic journey.

Investment firm Aberdeen Asset Management gave employee Toby Wallace, 35, an unusual vacation parting gift — a rubber rescue ring. "I guess if anything happens, I'll put this on and I'll be safe," he joked Friday as he met with Mayor Michael Nutter to receive a special citation from the city.

But his vacation is no ordinary trip to the beach — he'll depart next Wednesday to row across the Atlantic Ocean, a 3,000 mile journey whose perils include storms, crashing waves and giant container ships. "This is definitely on a bucket list of adventures," the London native-turned-Philadelphia resident said. "And it's a chance to break a world record."

"I'm definitely coming back to Philadelphia. If I don't end up in the bottom of the ocean."
WALLACE

The current fastest time is 31 days and 23 hours. Wallace, one of eight selected for the team, is aiming for 30 days. "We'd better be successful — we only brought 28 days' worth of food," he said.

Each member will survive on 6,500 calories per day while burning about 8,000, which is why Wallace packed 45 extra pounds onto his 6-foot-7 frame in the five months leading up to the journey. He expects to lose about 20 percent of his body weight.

A former Cambridge University rower, Wallace said that ocean rowing is a completely different animal. On a trip like this, seasickness, sleep deprivation and hallucinations are the norm. "River rowing requires skill and finesse," he said. "Ocean rowing just requires a lot of mental strength and the ability to suffer doing days and days of the same thing."

Wallace said that his biggest fear is not sharks, but the weather, because it might slow the team down. "With the river, it comes down to effort. With the ocean, there are so many other external factors that impact our speed — like the wind, which determines how choppy the water is — effort is less determinate of how fast we can go."

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Robber holds up party, shoots teen

Thief makes off with $200 from morning party in Fern Rock ◗ He fired bullets in basement, wounding woman

A crazed gunman opened fire at a Fern Rock house party early yesterday morning, wounding one female partygoer in both her legs.

Police responded around 4:17 a.m. to a residence on the 1800 block of Roselyn Street. There, at a crowded house party, they found a woman, 19-years old, shot in both legs in the basement.

She was rushed to Einstein Medical Center, where police said yesterday she remains in stable condition.

Witnesses told investigators that the a man attempted to go upstairs when another partygoer tried to stop him.

The suspect then pulled out a handgun, went to the basement and began demanding money from its occupants. He made away with $200 and was about to leave through the rear basement door when he turned and shot two to three rounds, then fled.

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Age of a woman raped behind a club near Rittenhouse Square early Friday morning. She was attacked in the rear of G Lounge at 17th and Chestnut streets, police said. Detectives are still searching for her attacker.

He is described as a skinny black male in his early 30s, about six feet three inches to six feet four inches and 170 pounds, with a trimmed but scruffy mustache and beard wearing a black hoodie and jeans.

Multiple people were seen running from the house as officers arrived. Channel 6 Action News reported that police were told by at least one neighbor that they believed someone was operating an illicit strip club in the basement.

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Celebration. Dickens' 200th

▶ Since 1901, Dickens fans like Sophia Pettit, 9, and her father Edward, right, have come to Clark Park every February to honor the English author.

Novelist honored on his birthday

Two hundred years ago tomorrow, Charles Dickens would have been able to say: "I am born." One of the world's most famous novelists, who happens to be the centerpiece West Philadelphia's Clark Park, was honored yesterday as he is every year for his birthday at the intersections of Baltimore and Woodland avenues. ● METRO

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Newt Gingrich hits out at 'timid' Mitt Romney

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▶ Newt Gingrich hopes to draw contrast with 'timid' Romney.

Republican Newt Gingrich vowed yesterday to press ahead with his struggling presidential bid after another big loss in Nevada, saying he will focus on drawing a contrast with "timid" rival Mitt Romney.

Romney, the Republican front-runner, easily thumped Gingrich in Nevada on Saturday for his second consecutive win and third in the first five contests in the state-by-state battle to pick a challenger to face Democratic President Barack Obama in the November election.

The win gave Romney a growing wave of momentum as the race turns to the next round of three contests on Tuesday — in Minnesota, Colorado and Missouri — and Maine's weeklong caucuses that conclude next Saturday.

It also raised questions about Gingrich's future, but the former U.S. House of Representatives speaker appeared on two national morning talk shows to repeat his vow to stay in the race despite losses in Nevada and last week in Florida.

Gingrich, a former Georgia congressman, hopes his campaign can last until 10 "Super Tuesday" contests on March 6 and several later contests in March, when votes will be taken in Southern states where he expects to do well.

Gingrich said he hoped to pull close to even with Romney in delegates for the nomination after the Texas primary in early April.

REUTERS

Hundreds die in European cold snap

LONDON. Bitterly cold weather sweeping across Europe claimed more victims yesterday, brought widespread disruption to transport services, and left thousands without power with warnings that low temperatures would continue into next week.

Hundreds have lost their lives in Eastern Europe as freezing weather sweeps across the continent westward, while major airports warned that services would be delayed or cancelled.

Steven Keates, a weather forecaster at Britain's Met Office, said the severe wintry conditions were expected to last and spread.

A state of emergency was declared in Bosnia after the cold snap claimed its seventh victim, and avalanches and strong winds cut off hundreds of villages in eastern parts. REUTERS

US hits out at Russia, China veto on Syria vote

Western and Arab states voiced outrage Sunday after Russia and China vetoed a U.N. resolution that would have backed an Arab plan urging Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to give up power, and Washington vowed harsher sanctions against Damascus.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called the veto a "travesty." It came a day after activists say Syrian forces bombarded a district of Homs, killing more than 200 people in the worst night of bloodshed of the 11-month uprising.

Russia said the resolution was biased and would have meant taking sides in a civil war. Syria is Moscow's only big ally in the Middle East, home to a Russian naval base and customer for its arms. China's veto appeared to follow Russia's lead.

Washington's U.N. ambassador Susan Rice said she was "disgusted" by Russia and China's vetoes Saturday. REUTERS

Iran threatens anyone helping US-Israel attacks

TEHRAN. Iran will target any country used as a launchpad for attacks against its soil, the deputy Revolutionary Guards commander said, expanding Tehran's range of threats in an increasingly volatile standoff with world powers over its nuclear ambitions.

Last week, Iran's supreme clerical leader threatened reprisals for the West's new ban on Iranian oil exports and the U.S. defense secretary was quoted as saying Israel was likely to bomb Iran within months to stop it assembling nuclear weapons.

The Guards began two days of military maneuvers in Iran on Saturday. REUTERS

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▶ For an alleged socialist, Obama sure does love Wall Street.

Mitt Romney's substantial caucus win in Nevada has allowed the former governor to take some of the rhetorical pressure off of Newt Gingrich and focus his message more clearly toward the true conservative goal of the 2012 elections: annihilation of the Obama presidency.

In his Sin City victory speech, "Gov. Mormon" (as CNN anchor John King accidentally addressed him that night) took aim at Obama's economic record, criticizing, among other specious failures, the president's stimulus for not bringing unemployment below 8 percent, saying "Obama demonizes and denigrates almost every sector of our economy."

The message of Obama's alleged wickedness resonates. In a recap of the speech, the L.A. Times cites one Romney supporter, retired airline pilot Larry Bleitz, as buying into the hate: "I'd take anybody over Obama. The man is a traitor and an American hater." Bleitz's wife, Mieke, chimed in: "I feel that the U.S. is actually more socialist than Canada."

This sort of attack has been viciously employed from the moment our nation's first biracial president assumed the presidency. Unfortunately, it's complete nonsense.

Far it be from us to stifle legitimate Obama critique (for confirmation of our nonbias on this front, please see our weekend column, "Seeing through Obama's transparency"), but the economic data simply refute these claims.

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, Obama's stimulus measures boosted the GDP and added millions of jobs. (Multiple analyses confirm this assessment.) GDP has had positive growth since 2009, payroll statistics show 16 straight months of job growth, and the unemployment rate is down.

All this while faced off with an opposition openly committed toward sinking the president's re-election chances at the expense of the U.S. economy.

Look, we don't love Obama, but it's important to bring this conversation back to reality — where the only America-haters are those distorting economic data and where the true traitors want America to fail.

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POLITICAL REALISM FOR THE URBAN SOPHISTICATE

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Just how socialistic is Obama?

According to findings from the political analysts at Voteview, President Obama is actually the most moderate Democratic president of the post-WWII era, despite some very loud opinions to the contrary. By contrast, former President George W. Bush was found to be the most conservative president in that same era. In its series on political polarization, Voteview data show how U.S. politicians have moved farther apart from each other in the past hundred-plus years, with the steady disappearance of party moderation.

Newt: I'd back 'dishonest' Mitt

"President Obama is such a direct threat to the future of this country that I will support the Republican nominee."

NEWT GINGRICH, UPON BEING ASKED WHETHER HE'D SUPPORT A ROMNEY PRESIDENCY IF HIS OWN CAMPAIGN FAILED. IN HIS SATURDAY NIGHT NEVADA CONCESSION SPEECH, MEANWHILE, GINGRICH CATEGORIZED ROMNEY AS THE LYINGEST MAN HE HAS EVER KNOWN — "SUBSTANTIALLY," "STUNN[INGLY]," "BLATANTLY," "FUNDAMENTALLY," "DELIBERATE[LY]," "DISHONEST TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY." WITH ENDORSEMENTS LIKE THIS, WHO NEEDS FRIENDS?!

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Neil Patrick Harris is living the life, Elizabeth Banks is lost without "Lost," Jessica Alba is having a rough day and Seth MacFarlane sees a sign.

@ActuallyNPH: Having a relaxing day with the fam and friends. Making pizzas in the pizza oven. Wine. Swimming. LA is odd when winter feels like summer.

@ElizabethBanks: My driver's name is Sayid which reminds me, I miss Lost. #Penny&DesmondForever #Nerd

@jessicaalba: having a sick baby is the WORST thing in the world....

@SethMacFarlane: Coming soon: a Broadway musical where everyone just sings Ace of Base songs! 'Cause that counts as a Broadway musical now!

Alba

THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

– Dorothy Robinson will return tomorrow.

Butterbeers flowing on 'Potter' set?

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Now that he's done being Harry Potter, **Daniel Radcliffe** is coming clean about wizarding under the influence.

"I can honestly say I never drank at work on 'Harry Potter.' I went into work still drunk, but I never drank at work. I can point to many scenes where I'm just gone. Dead behind the eyes," Radcliffe says in an interview with Heat magazine. "I have a very addictive personality. It was a problem. People with problems like that are very adept at hiding it. It was bad. I don't want to go into details, but I drank a lot and it was daily — I mean nightly."

We're happy to hear that Radcliffe, wise young man that he is, has since sobered up — allowing us to devise "Harry Potter" drinking games with a clear conscience. Our personal golden snitch: A shot of him getting queasy on a broomstick and/or slurring his way through Parseltongue.

▶ Harry Potter, you saucy minx!

Beckham 'pretty OK'

Beckham

After comedian **James Corden** suggested that **David Beckham** had a little assistance with his H&M underwear campaign ads, the soccer star is responding. "I've never, ever padded out my pants or shoved socks down there. I've never had to for any of the photo shoots I've done because, hopefully, I don't need to," Beckham tells the Daily Mirror. "Well, let's just say I've been told I don't need any help in that department. I think I'm pretty OK."

We did a little research — we owe you one, Internet! — and we're very enthusiastically siding with Becks.

You can take the girls out of Jersey ...

Hoboken may have denied **Snooki** and **JWoww** a filming permit, but that's not going to stop the "Jersey Shore" ladies from setting their new spinoff in the Garden State. Undeterred, they're working "round the clock" to find a new location, reports TMZ.

New Jersey, you really need to get over yourself and embrace these kids — it's rare that anyone who has ever escaped your borders even considers returning.

Talking points

Heidi Klum: 'Seal won't shut up'

While **Seal** has still been wearing his wedding ring and working the talk show circuit saying that he and **Heidi Klum** are "still together," Klum reportedly doesn't see it that way. "They have zero plans to get back together," a source close to the "Project Runway" host says, according to Hollyscoop. And apparently Seal's going on about it is just making things worse, as Klum reportedly has been complaining that "Seal won't shut up."

Witherspoon going natural — for now

Reese Witherspoon hasn't had any work done — yet. "I don't think I need plastic surgery at this point," Witherspoon tells the U.K. edition of Glamour magazine. "Can we just go day by day on that one?" The Oscar-winner insists she doesn't have a firm stance on the practice of nipping and tucking. "I'm not for it, I'm not against it," she says. "I have plenty of friends who do stuff and if it makes you feel good, great. But I don't think it's the fix for some sort of unease that you're having about who you are as a human being."

▶ Witherspoon

Kutcher not involved in Moore's rehab

Even though **Ashton Kutcher** is back in the U.S. after his recent trip to Brazil — during which **Demi Moore** was hospitalized for a drug-related collapse — that doesn't mean he's planning to be a part of his estranged wife's recovery, according to Us Weekly. "He just wants to move on," a source says. "He cares about Demi and would help if asked, but he's not part of her life anymore." Another source says his absence would be felt most by Moore's daughters, as he had been playing a more key role in their lives. "For a while, Ashton was acting as the primary parent because Demi was so out of control," the source says.

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A star-studded weekend in Indiana

1: Peyton Manning (who is, apparently, gigantic), **Spike Lee** and **Jackson Lee** made appearances at DIRECTV's Celebrity Beach Bowl Party in Indianapolis on Saturday.

2: Something you may never see again: **Neil Patrick Harris, Snoop Dogg** and **Jordin Sparks** playing beach football.

3: If you paid close attention last night, you may have noticed that **Deion Sanders** was carrying some pretty adorable cookies during the star-studded Century 21 Real Estate commercial. Philly's own **Whipped Bakeshop** was behind the custom confections; and while those are not available for purchase, you can order your own special face cookies.

4: Madonna was booked to perform during the Super Bowl's halftime show. But, um, judging by these arms? Girl might have a different gig next year.

5: Katy Perry and her Smurf 'do also stopped by the Beach Bowl Party.

6: Hello, handsome! **Jon Hamm** was looking very Draper-esque at the 2012 NFL Honors in Indianapolis on Saturday.

7: And **Lenny Kravitz**? Can someone add us to the NFL Honors roll next year?

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'Chronicle,' 'Woman in Black' crush box office

Thriller "Chronicle" edged haunted-house film "The Woman in Black" in a tight box-office race that saw both movies beating pre-weekend forecasts, studio estimates released on Sunday showed.

"Chronicle," a story about three teenage boys who develop superpowers and find they have a dark side, brought in an estimated $22.0 million from U.S. and Canadian theaters.

"The Woman in Black," the first movie for Daniel Radcliffe since his "Harry Potter" franchise ended, trailed close behind with an estimated $21.0 million.

The performance of both movies surpassed studio and industry projections despite competition from Sunday's Super Bowl. The figures include actual sales for Friday and Saturday plus estimates for Sunday.

Last week's winner, the Liam Neeson thriller "The Grey," dropped to third place with $9.5 million.

CBS Films, a unit of CBS Corp, released "The Woman in Black." News Corp. unit 20th Century Fox distributed "Chronicle." The third film that opened wide this weekend, "Big Miracle," was released by Universal Pictures. **REUTERS**

Box office

▶ Daniel Radcliffe's "The Woman in Black" came in at a close second to "Chronicle" in this weekend's box office.

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TV watch list

▶ You do not mess with the ladies of "Ab Fab."

'The Voice'

REALITY. The hit singing competition continues its blind auditions tonight, with the judges slamming their buzzers and spinning those space-agey thrones when they hear talent they want on their teams.
8 p.m., NBC

'Absolutely Fabulous'

COMEDY. The second new "Ab Fab" special is here, sweet darlings! Edina takes on a difficult, high-profile client and enlists Spice Girl Emma Bunton and Lulu to help compensate for the other star's lack of talent.
10:30 p.m., Logo

'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills: Reunion, Part 2'

SPECIAL. Ding, ding! It's round two of the Housewives exchanging pointy words that they didn't jab at each other during the season.
9 p.m., Bravo

'Hart of Dixie'

DRAMA. Congratulations, "Hart of Dixie." We didn't think it possible to top Mystic Falls' hokey "town fete of the week" on "The Vampire Diaries," but you've truly outdone yourselves with tonight's Sweetie Pie Dance — which Zoe tries to avoid, but of course will attend.
9 p.m., The CW

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NBC's new musical series is all about drama behind the scenes on Broadway ◐ Cast members discuss the players behind the fictional Marilyn Monroe musical

It's not easy producing a Broadway hit, let alone actually getting your musical to the stage in the first place. There's inherent drama in the process — but who knew it would make for such fascinating television?

Tune-in

"Smash" premieres Monday at 10 p.m. on NBC.

In NBC's "Smash," a successful songwriting duo attempts to create a Broadway musical based on the life of Marilyn Monroe. Meet the schemers and dreamers who share the stage.

The role: Ivy

AKA: Marilyn Monroe hopeful No. 1
Played by: Broadway star Megan Hilty
About Ivy: Ivy is a stage veteran waiting for her big break to move from chorus girl to star.
Her thoughts: How authentic is "Smash" to life on the stage? Very, says Hilty. "The genius of making this idea into a series is that when you are a live performer, you're giving so much of yourself and there's so much at stake when you're exposing yourself in front of hundreds of thousands of people," she says. "This show definitely taps into all of those things."

▶ Megan Hilty brings some legit pipes to "Smash."

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The role: Karen

▶ Katharine McPhee is a country mouse-turned-Broadway baby in "Smash."

AKA: Marilyn Monroe hopeful No. 2
Played by: "American Idol" star Katharine McPhee
About Karen: Karen is a sweet Midwestern girl trying to make it big in NYC.
Her thoughts: She may be singing on television again, but filming a drama is a lot different from McPhee's days on "Idol." "I'm usually singing songs that I'm hearing for the first time," she admits. "It's such a fast pace that we're on, and you don't get a whole lot of time to sit with the songs and perfect them. And it is different because, for me, I think of myself as more of a pop artist — and Megan has got, like, the big Broadway voice. So I'm always trying to balance the two."

"It's such a fast pace that we're on, and you don't get a whole lot of time to sit with the songs and perfect them." MCPHEE

The roles: Julia and Tom

AKA: Marilyn Monroe musical creators
Played by: Debra Messing and Christian Borle
About Julia and Tom: Julia was going to take time off from writing with Tom to adopt a child, but now that the inspiration for a Marilyn musical has hit, she's going to try juggling both dreams.

Messing's thoughts: "Here is a woman who is very passionate about her creative life and needs that part of her life fulfilled, but also really is a proud mother and wants that home life — and wants that balance," says Messing. "And I love that nothing is simple."

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▶ Consider them a modern day Rogers and Hammerstein: Debra Messing and Christian Borle play the creators of the Marilyn Monroe musical at the center of "Smash."

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- Before you go out looking for a date, look within
- Gabby Bernstein on overcoming your passion pitfalls

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The first step toward clearing a fear of romance is to accept relationships as opportunities for awesome spiritual growth. Rather than get all heady about what went wrong in the past, let's focus on what you can change today. Outlined below are key principles that will help guide you to release fear in romance and cultivate more love in your life:

No one is sent to anyone by accident: There are no "chance encounters." All encounters offer us the opportunity to learn and grow. This new attitude will allow you to begin to appreciate the partner who brings up all your funky issues.

Special isn't so special: Ask yourself who you've made an idol. Creating idols in romance can make us neurotic, controlling and insecure. We often feel so beholden to this special partner because our egos make us believe that we can only feel complete in the arms of someone else. Begin to set yourself free from this illusion by recognizing who's special to you. Then practice making your friendships equally as important. This will even out your energy.

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Whether you're married, single or dating, taking these steps can be truly transformative. Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so take this opportunity to release romantic fears and clear space for more love.

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Occupational therapists

Occupational therapists assist the elderly and those who have suffered an illness or injury in relearning everyday skills. It's a flexible job that offers a variety of positions within the system. "Occupational therapy allows for many jobs in the same career," explains occupational therapist Jeremy R. Furniss, VP of Operations at Ergo Solutions. "Because we work in so many environments, you can easily switch to avoid burnout. You find OTs in medical care and hospitals, work sites such as factories or offices, schools and just about anywhere else these days."

Holistic health care

One largely expanding field is that of holistic healing. CAM — an acronym for Complementary and Alternative Medicine — involves sophisticated practices that include acupuncture and acupressure along with massage therapy. More schools are offering courses in this study, and more Americans are seeking medical attention in alternative forms: A National Health Interview Survey found that 38 percent of adults questioned use a form of alternative or holistic medicine.

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Don't blame service on the employees

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"When you optimize a system to be both best in class at speed and best at thoroughness, you're going to wind up being average at both."
FRANCES FREI

- When it comes to poor customer service, the fault lies with management
- Authors Frances Frei and Anne Morriss on their latest book, 'Uncommon Service'
- How executives can avoid 'exhausted mediocrity'

Authors Frances Frei and Anne Morriss admit their message is largely intended for the "C-suite" – those invisible stuffed shirts, constantly implementing policies that make it harder to do your job. But their latest book, "Uncommon Service: How to Win by Putting Customers at the Core of Your Business," still holds plenty of wisdom for the little guy.

As operations management specialists, Frei and Morriss have devoted five years to analyzing bad customer service. And they're here to deliver the good news: It's not your fault, employees!

"We might blame employees because we've had bad interactions with them, but, as far as we've observed, it's essentially never the employee's fault. It's the fault of the people who designed the management system," says Frei, who also serves as the chair of the MBA program at Harvard. "Too often companies desire to do everything well, and they create a kind of exhausted mediocrity. Employees can't do everything well: When you optimize a system to be both best in class at speed and best at thoroughness, you're going to wind up being average at both."

The expert pair admits this is tough medicine for most executives. But they preach a natural yin and yang of service: In order to excel in the area that's most important to your customers, you might have to be not so good in less important areas.

"Service isn't always about trying harder. We found that the psychic barriers are harder to get over than the operational or financial barriers," explains Morriss. "It's hard when you're a type-A manager to make peace with the idea that you're not going to be great at everything."

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▶ Next time you're on the other end of this call, remember: It's likely the system, not the employee, that's driving you crazy.

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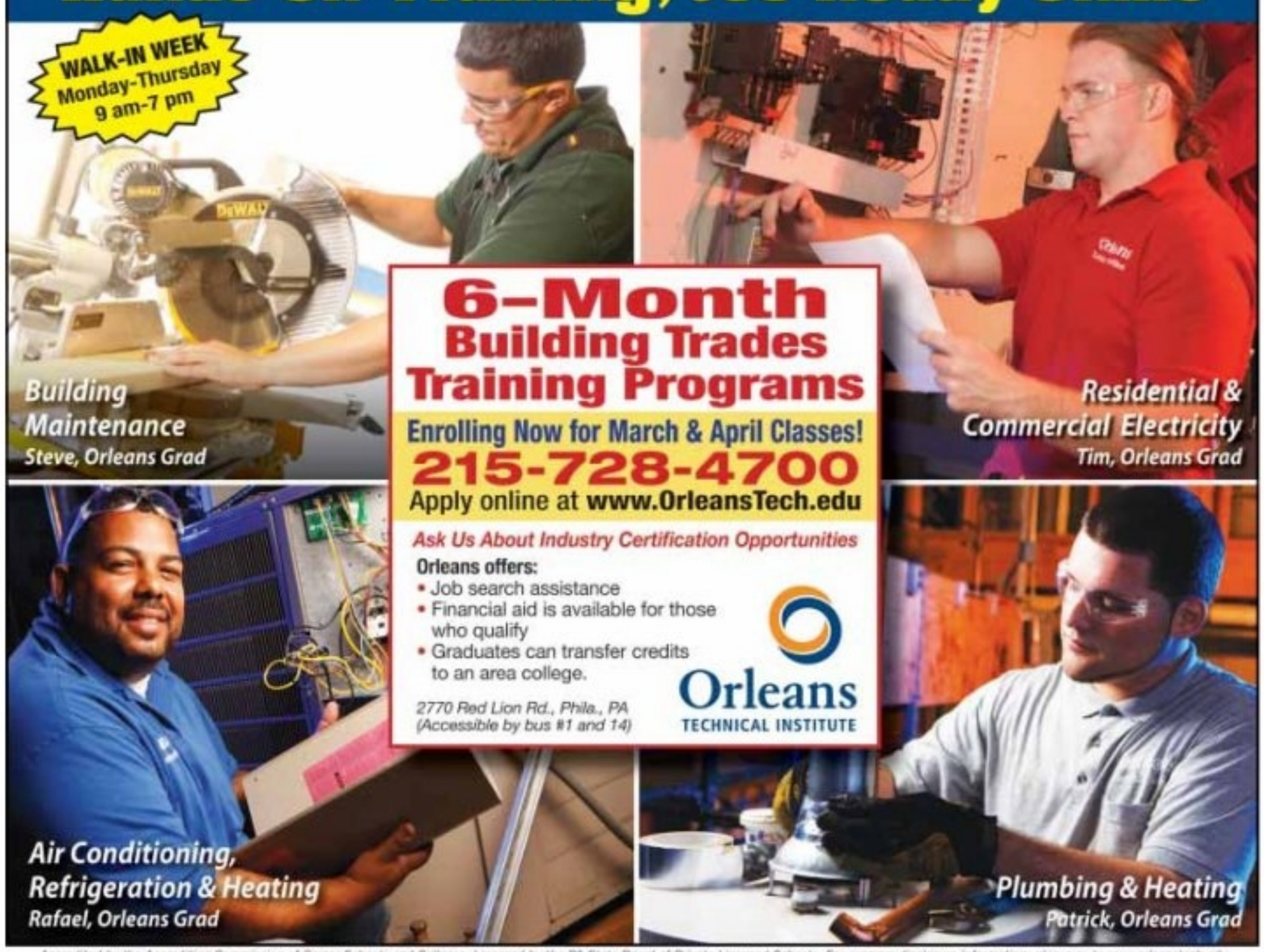

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Hiring trends

Philly a leader in job openings

Job openings are on the rise in 2012 — and Philadelphia is ahead of the pack for hiring, according to a new survey by job search engine SimplyHired.com. January showed an increase in hiring in 40 out of the top 50 metro areas; the greatest increases were in Seattle and Tacoma (5.4 percent) and Philly (5.1 percent). Across the country, job openings were up 1.5 percent month-over-month and 9.2 percent year-over-year. METRO

News in brief

Unpaid intern sues Harper's Bazaar for minimum wage

A former intern at Harper's Bazaar is suing the magazine's publisher, Hearst Corporation, saying that her internship violates labor laws because it was unpaid, according to a lawsuit filed in federal court in New York.

Xuedan Wang, 28, was an intern at the magazine's accessories department from August to December last year, where she typically worked at least 40 hours a week, and sometimes as much as 55 hours, without pay, according to her lawsuit filed on Wednesday.

"Unpaid interns are becoming the modern-day equivalent of entry-level employees, except that employers are not paying them for the many hours they work," the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit contends that Wang, who also uses the first name Diana, and hundreds of other unpaid interns like her are a "crucial labor force" at Hearst.

"If the interns weren't doing the work, then they would have to hire someone else to do it," Elizabeth Wagoner, one of Wang's lawyers, said in an interview — a sign, she said, that labor laws are being broken.

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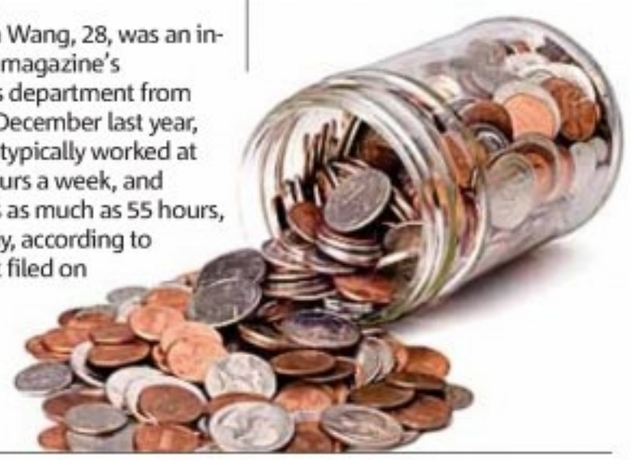

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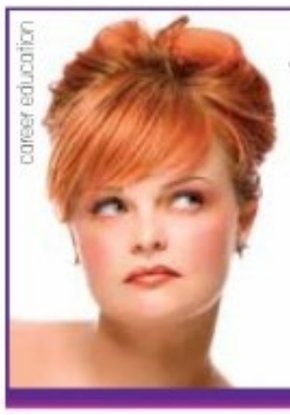

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Letters

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War in Iran the next step for profiteers

An article in Yahoo yesterday warns that Iran will attack any country that attacks it. How dare they defend themselves! Has lead in the water turned America into a nation of idiots? We have all seen this dance before. Do Iraq and Afghanistan sound familiar? Get these warmongering fools out of foreign policy, now! **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL**

U.S. Sen. John McCain once sang "Bomb, Bomb, Bomb, Bomb-Bomb Iran." With Iran in desperate straits, it looks as if the Allies may have a "hit" on their hands!
HERB STARK, VIA E-MAIL

Romney comments still resonating

RE: "FRESH OFF FLORIDA WIN, ROMNEY LOOSENS LIPS": Linda Bryant is correct in stating that Republicans are under the misconception that the poor consists mainly of minorities. The indisputable fact is that the vast majority of those on welfare are white. Even though Republicans continue to show a disdain for the poor, poor whites will continue to vote against their own economic self-interest and vote Republican because they have been bamboozled. Romney did not misspeak; he revealed a truth that the 99 percent should be aware of — Republicans have no concern for the poor.
CAROLYN CASEY, VIA E-MAIL

Are we the people to believe that Mitt Romney — a proponent of the Mormon religion, a religion which endorses the belief that black people are cursed to be poor — having publicly stated his lack of compassion for the poor is suited to lead this country? In spite of the current economic climate, it would be foolish for us to think that a corporate vampire like Romney can do anything for our current situation except further tear us and our country apart.
CLIVE L. BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Metro, I really can't believe that you published another nonsense letter about Republicans, like the one on Romney's comments about the poor to validate her beliefs about what Republicans think and believe about the poor and minorities. Romney's comments had nothing to do with race! I'm sorry, but not all Republicans are racist.
SAM KHOURY, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

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Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You're likely to be more comfortable issuing orders than following them, but the latter may just be your fate.

Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you find yourself facing a financial shortfall, you can probably blame it all on one recent foolish purchase.

Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your views are likely to mean more to you than they will to your listeners, while their outlook will be what counts to them.

Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You could lull yourself into a false sense of security by believing you're in a stronger position than you actually are.

Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be realistic and pragmatic about the resources you have at hand instead of depending on what you believe to be coming in.

Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** The only folks you can expect to come through for you will be the little people in your life, not the big shots.

Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you feel you've been taken advantage of, the blame could actually fall on you for making a commitment you shouldn't ever have made.

Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You should know that no one is likely to give you anything without you contributing the initial favor.

Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Keep in mind that optimism can be an asset, but wishful thinking does nothing.

Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Take care you don't spend more time discussing your intentions than fulfilling them.

Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** There is a strong possibility that you could be tempted by a tantalizing challenge in which the odds are tilted against you. Remember Don Quixote. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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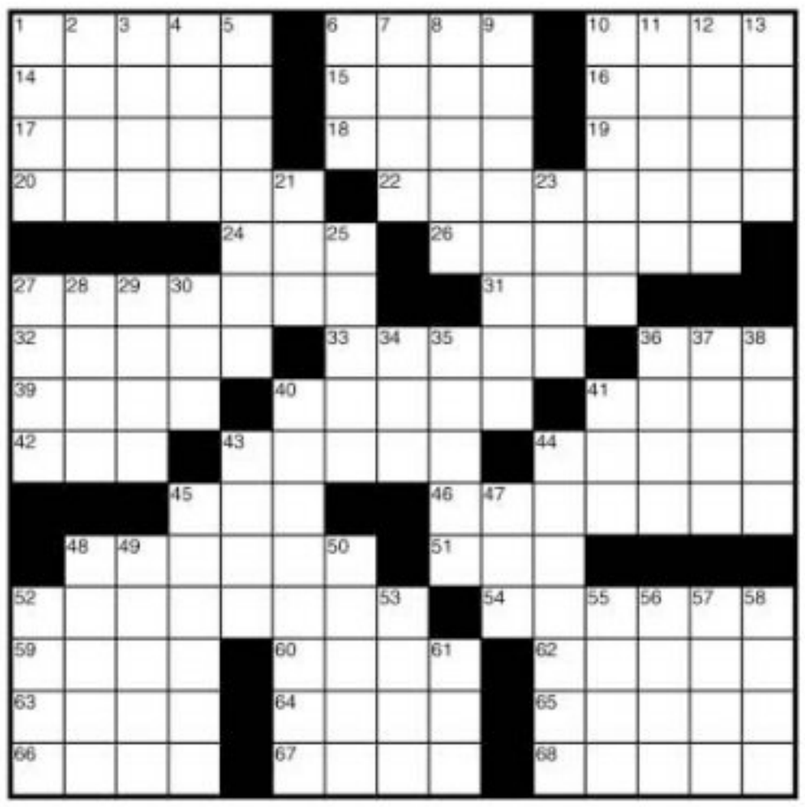

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Eli-te: Manning does it to Pats one more time

Giants beat Patriots 21-17 in Super Bowl ◗ Manning cements himself as elite QB ◗ 'Wild night' for NY

Eli Manning raised eyebrows at the start of the season by placing himself in Tom Brady's stratosphere.

After yesterday's dramatic 21-17 victory over Brady's Patriots in Super Bowl XLVI, that is no longer up for debate. It was the second time that Manning's Giants had beaten mighty New England in the Super Bowl.

"It's been a wild game, wild offseason. I'm proud of our team," said Manning, who was named Super Bowl MVP. "We just stayed positive, our defense kept us in the game. This just feels good."

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The Giants' time of possession in Super Bowl XLVI, compared to just 22:55 for the Patriots.

Manning led New York on a nine-play, 88-yard drive that was capped by a 6-yard TD run by Ahmad Bradshaw and highlighted by a 38-yard bomb to Mario Manningham.

Brady got a chance to match Manning's heroics with less than a minute left, but a last-second Hail Mary heave bounced incomplete, off the hands of a crowded Aaron Hernandez in the end zone.

Manning began the game by completing nine straight passes — a new Super Bowl record — and finished 30-of-40 for 296 yards and one touchdown.

Meanwhile, Brady went 27-of-41 for 276 yards and two scores while tossing an interception. Brady was flagged for intentional grounding on the Patriots' first offensive play and the Giants earned a safety. Brady also set a Super Bowl mark when he completed 16 passes in a row. METRO

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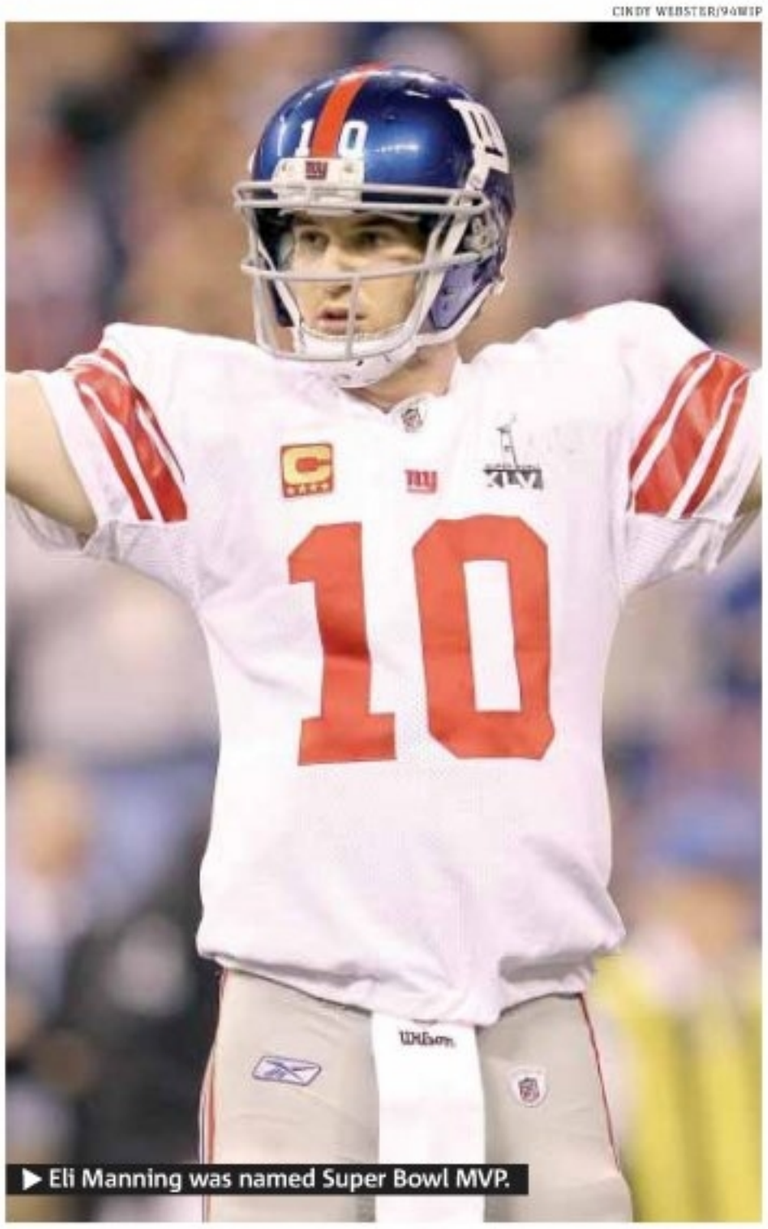

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Goalie stops 21 shots as New York hands Flyers 5-2 loss Six straight losses to division rival dating back to last season Islanders on deck

The Flyers just can't beat those blue shirts.

Make it six consecutive wins for the Rangers over the Flyers following yesterday's 5-2 defeat. New York has outscored the Orange and Black 24-8 during the losing streak, including the 3-2 loss at Citizens Bank Park.

Henrik Lundqvist was the star once again, stopping 21 shots and earning his fourth straight win. Brayden Schenn and Wayne Simmonds were the only ones able to solve the Rangers goaltender. Simmonds now has a career-high 17 goals this season, his first in South Philadelphia.

Meanwhile, Ilya Bryzgalov made 33 saves for the Flyers and recorded his first loss in regulation since Jan. 14. The Rangers outshot the Flyers 38-23 while out-hitting them 30-24. Tim Sestito was involved in three fights — vs. Stu Bickel, vs. Brandon Dubinsky, vs. Brandon Purst — and was given an automatic game misconduct.

The Flyers have dropped three of their last four games, but still hold the No. 4 spot in the Eastern Conference standings. The Rangers are tops with 33 wins and 71 points. METRO

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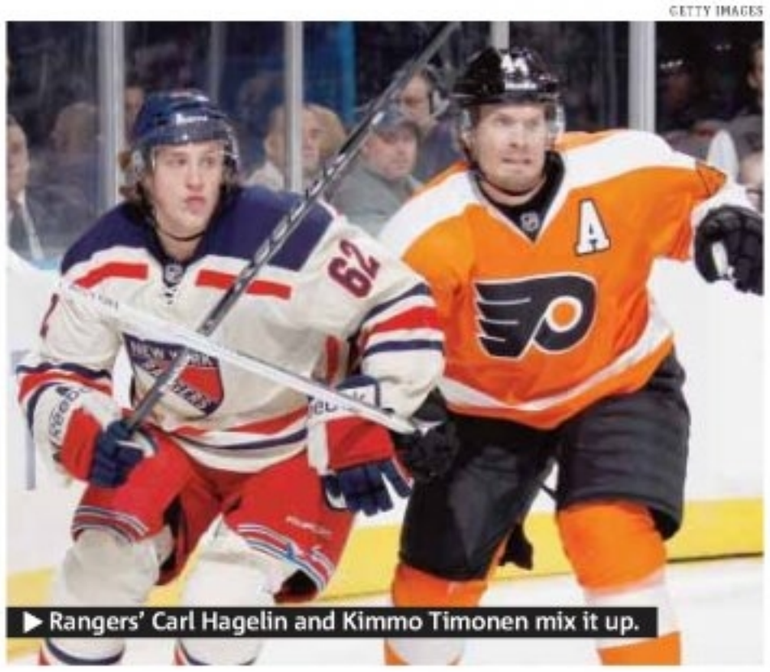

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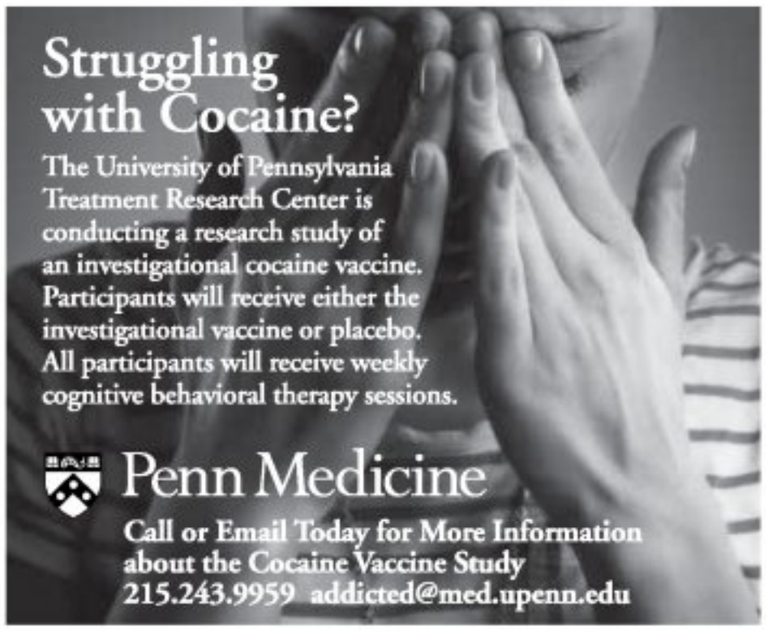
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How manly or womanly is your ride?

Auto writer finds many cars lend themselves to one gender Depending on preference: You will be judged

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Are you comfortable enough to drive this?

Two garage attendants are talking about the svelte Mini Cooper Coupe I've just parked. One says he likes it, the other laughs. "Are you kidding? That's a chick car." The first man's face falls.

I saw this coming as soon as I stepped into the $22,000 Coupe, one of Mini's newest models. The Coupe has a standard Cooper body shape, but with only two seats and a capped roof that looks like a slicked-back pompadour. Sporty but not aggressive.

It joins vehicles from the Mazda Miata to the Volkswagen Cabrio and BMW Z3 that have been pejoratively lumped together as chick cars. These are often two-seaters or convertibles, and certain gung ho guys deem them too effeminate to drive.

Conversely, a vehicle like the Chevy Camaro, a muscle car redolent of testosterone, might be branded a meathead mobile. All evoke a negative reaction among certain tribes.

It's a culture war between chick cars and dude's drives, pushing gender stereotypes. Testing vehicles from the Mini Coupe to the Dodge Viper, I've discovered: You will be judged.

Some perceptions come simply from a vehicle's size and profile. Bangle notes that a car's body mimics a person's, with a face, shoulders, hips and rear.

Which may explain why some cars devolve into caricature. Chevy designers obviously wanted the modern Camaro to out-macho the Ford Mustang. The result is all exaggerated muscle.

I once drove a female friend around in a growling Camaro SS model and after a few minutes she turned me and simply asked, "Why?" BLOOMBERG

Sex sells

It's obvious that some cars skew female or male, both in terms of audience and overall aesthetic. Most of us can easily identify the camp in which a car sits.

Chris Bangle, former chief of design at BMW who now runs his own design firm, says, "The industry does not share a focused concept of a 'woman's car.' They would agree that marketing a car toward women only is not a smart plan unless it is some narrow version. ... I was always told guys don't buy 'girlie cars.'"

News in brief

Hyundai surge may slow in '12

Hyundai, South Korea's largest automaker, said tight production capacity and concern that quality might suffer may slow U.S. sales gains in 2012.

Hyundai's tone going into 2012 differs from past years, when the Seoul-based automaker set ambitious growth targets. U.S. sales for Hyundai surged 61 percent in the past four years as new models and improved designs drew attention to a brand historically known more for value-oriented models.

Hyundai's Montgomery, Alabama, plant that builds Sonata sedans and Elantra small cars produced a record 338,000 vehicles in 2011. That's about 10 percent more than what the company expected entering the year, Krafcik said.

There is "probably not that same kind of opportunity" to replicate that production gain in 2012, he told reporters. BLOOMBERG

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Percent increase in U.S. sales for Hyundai in the last four years, mostly on the back of new models with improved designs and quality

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